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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RAPPORT ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED
IN EARLIER EDITION:

"S.A. NOT AT TALKS

FROM HENNIE PRETORIUS.

WASHINGTON

SOUTH AFRICA WILL FOR THE FIRST TIME BE PURPOSEFULLY EXCLUDED
FROM THE CONFERENCE TABLE WHEN AMERICA AND BRITAIN HOLD HIGH
LEVEL TALKS HERE IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW ON SOUTHERN AFRICA,
AND SPECIFICALLY ON RHODESIA.

AMERICA AND BRITAIN ARE EXCEEDINGLY SENSITIVE TO WHAT THE
FIVE FRONT LINE STATES WILL SAY ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVOLVEMENT
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UP TO NOW. THEY WANT FIRST TOMORROW TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE
QUESTION FROM A PARTICULAR ANGLE AND THEN WILL CONSULT
THE BLACK STATES AND INFORM SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS IS UNDERSTOOD FROM AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE IN THE
AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT. SOUTH AFRICA'S AMBASSADOR, ADV PIK
BOTHA, WAS UNTIL LATE YESTERDAY, IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HE HAD

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TO GIVE AN IMPORTANT SPEECH. NO DETAILS OR COMMENT COULD
BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY.

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, AMERICA AND BRITAIN WANT TO DO
EVERYTHING TO PREVENT THE BLACK FRONT LINE STATES THINKING
THAT THE THREE WHITE COUNTRIES CONCERNED - AMERICA, BRITAIN
AND SOUTH AFRICA - ARE SECRETLY BUSY WITH PLANS TO FAVOUR
MR. IAN SMITH.

THIS NEW BEHAVIOUR OF AMERICA AND BRITAIN WILL GET THEM SEVERE
CRITICISM FROM SOUTH AFRIDA. SOUTH AFRICA'S STANDPOINT IS
CLEAR - SHE WISHES TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE WITH INTERESTED
PARTIES AND WILL GUARANTEE THAT RHODESIA IS SINCERE IN HER
INTENTION TO INSTAL A BLACK MAJORITY GOVERNMENT WITHIN TWO YEARS.

AMERICA AND BRITAIN CONSIDER THAT SOUTH AFRICA PLAYS A KEY
ROLE. BUT THEY ALSO HAVE THE PROBLEM OF GETTING BLACK
RHODESIANS BACK TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE. TO DO THAT
AMERICA AND BRITAIN MUST KEEP SOUTH AFRICA AT A DISTANCE,
IT IS SAID.

THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT SAID OFFICIALLY ON FRIDAY
THAT SIR ANTHONY DUFF, BRITISH DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, WILL HOLD TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS
TOMORROW.

MR. WILLIAM SCHAUFELE, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
CHARGED WITH AFRICAN AFFAIRS, WILL AS USUAL TAKE THE LEAD
FOR AMERICA.
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MR. SCHAUFELE, SIR ANTHONY DUFF AND ADV PIK BOTHA SHOULD
ORIGINALLY HAVE MET IN WASHINGTON ON WEDENESDAY BUT AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE WEEK THE BRITISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, MR. ANTHONY CROSLAND, BECAME SERIOUSLY ILL AND
THE MEETING WAS POSTPONED. (MR. CROSLAND DIED YESTERDAY).

SOUTH AFRICA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. HILGARD
MULLER, TOLD PRESS MEN IN CAPE TOWN ON WEDNESDAY THAT THERE
IS GREAT EXPECTATION THAT NEW INITIATIVES FOR RHODESIA
WILL BE TAKEN. HE DID NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS."
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